

Summer Winds

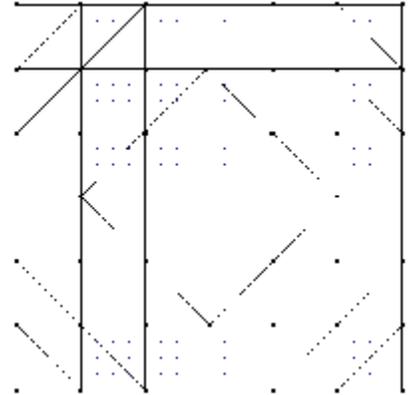
12 inches finished

12 1/2 inches edge to edge



A nice simple block this month!

Using the Loose Goose around the centre really frames it well.



Background:



Loose Goose: 8 - 2 1/2 inch squares (sky squares)

Half Triangles: 6 - 2 7/8 inch squares

(12 triangles cut from 2 1/2 inch strip using the Half Square triangle or Easy Angle rulers)



4 - 2 1/2 by 4 1/2 inch rectangles

Centre:



1 - 4 1/2 inch square



Loose Goose and Corner Triangles



Loose Goose: 4 - 2 1/2 by 4 1/2 inc rectangles

Half Triangles: 6 2 7/8 inch squares cut diagonally once

(12 triangles cut from 2 1/2 inch strip using the Half Square triangle or Easy Angle rulers)



Dark Square

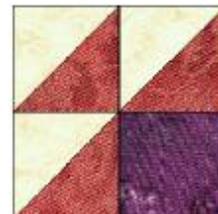


4 - 2 1/2 inch squares



Let's start with the Half Square triangles:

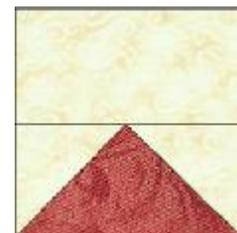
Sew 12 half square triangle blocks, using the triangles cut or the method described at the end of the next page.



Sew them together with the dark squares to make four corner units:

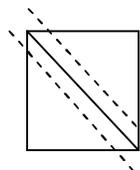
Make the four loose goose (or flying geese) and attach the background rectangles to them.

With the centre square, you now have all the pieces for a simple nine-patch. Lay them out as shown at the top of page 1, and sew it all together.



Have fun!

Half Square Triangles:



Use two different fabrics to make two $\frac{1}{2}$ square triangles.

On the back of the lighter of your two fabrics, draw a line kitty corner. Layer your two squares right sides together and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on either side of the line. Cut along the line, press the seam towards the dark side, and square to the correct size

Flying Geese:

Note: flying geese are always twice as wide as they are tall (1 by 2, 2 by 4, 3 by 6 finished)

There are several ways of making flying geese - here are just a few

If you have triangle rulers, the goose is a quarter square triangle, and the background are half square triangles cut from strips the height of your finished geese plus $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

Cut a rectangle the length and height of your finished goose plus $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Sew connector corners the height of your goose (plus $\frac{1}{2}$ inch) on each end.

For a Loose Goose, fold your rectangle in half WRONG sides together. Sandwich it inside your two background pieces so that the fold is at the bottom and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up from the lower edges of your sky sandwich. Now sew down the right side of the squares - press open the seam, and your goose will be made!

To make 4 flying geese at a time with no waste, cut one square for the geese $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches larger than the finished width of the goose unit (the long measurement), and four small squares $\frac{7}{8}$ inches larger than the finished height of your unit for the sky. Mark the diagonal on all sky squares. Place two of the sky squares on two opposite corners of the goose square and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on either side of the diagonal lines. Cut along this line. Press the seam towards the sky squares. Place the last sky squares on the remaining corners of the goose block (now cut in two triangles), and sew on either side of the diagonal line. Cut along those lines and you now have four flying geese blocks

